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CANTATA IS BIG SUCCESS

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When Mr. Martin E. Robinson said to a press representative a few evenings ago that the dress rehearsal for the cantata "Queen Esther" was the most successful he had ever witnessed by an amateur company, a skeptical public perhaps concluded that the director was just a trifle over-enthusiastic. His statement was, however, fully borne out last night when an immense throng assembled at Fishers' to hear the famous sacred opera sung. There was an enjoyable absence of children, and the applause came from appreciative adults. When the curtain was raised on the first scene the theater was packed to the doors with one of the most fashionable audiences that ever gathered in the city.

Never before has local talent acquitted itself so well. Other performances of like nature have been pronounced successful, but as compared with last night's production—the most difficult ever undertaken by Astoria amateurs—previous efforts fade into insignificance. There was not the slightest hitch to embarrass either performers or spectators, and the big crowd was treated to a surprise that it was wholly unprepared for, however sanguine it might have been.

To attempt to do justice to all of the ladies and gentlemen participating would be impossible in the limited space available. Each faultlessly performed his part, and throughout the careful training of Director Robinson was manifest. The great chorus of 70 voices rendered the difficult music in masterly style, attesting the ability of the director and the application of the singers. The costumes were gorgeous and the stage presented a brilliant spectacle.

To Miss Reba Hobson, not alone because of her magnificent voice, but as well because of her graceful interpretation of the role of Queen Esther, the honors of the night were due. Miss Hobson's solos were vociferously encored, and her queenly part was charmingly sustained.

Mrs. Frank Spittle, as Zeresh, Haman's wife; Miss Sue Elmore, as Mordecai's sister; Miss Kathryn Shively, as the prophetess; Mrs. B. Van Dusen, as the Median princess, and Miss Laura H. Fox, as the Persian princess, richly deserved the appreciative applause which followed their solos. Frank Carnahan's splendid voice was heard to good advantage in the part of Haman, the designing premier, while James Johnson's tenor pleased the audience in the part of Mordecai, the Jew. George C. Watkins made an excellent King Ahasuerus, and C. E. Turner's solo, in the part of the beggar, proved a genuine surprise. This was Mr. Turner's first appearance locally and he played his part well. F. Chester Fox appeared as chaplain of the king's guards, Dr. T. L. Ball as Hegai, J. N. Griffin as the high priest and William Lindau as the king's scribe. Little Miss Adah Julian played the part of Ida, Haman's child.

Notable among the features of the performance was the scarf dance, by Misses Carol Poug, Mary Nowlen, Mollie Pomeroy, Helen Brooks, Ethel Gerding, Alma Holmes and Amy Rannels. Another pleasing feature was the singing of the quartette of queen's maids, Misses Margaret Busey, Alice Wood, May Utzinger and Nell Utzinger.

Miss Eva Holmes officiated as accompanist.

The chorus was made up of the following voices:

Soprano—Mrs. C. B. Allen, sue Elmore, Mrs. A. A. Finch, Annie Larson, Mrs. J. H. O'Connell, Amy Rannels, Mrs. D. M. Stuart, Mrs. E. F. Thayer, Mrs. B. Van Dusen, Ethel Blinn, Bertha Fanning, Mrs. H. C. Harrison, May C. Magee, Mrs. Herman Prael, Bess Reed, Emma Shedd, Florence Turner, Alice Wood, Lulu Estes, Mrs. Clyde Fulton, Reba Hobson, Mary Nowlen, Mrs. W. R. Pomeroy, Kathryn Shively, Bertha Stephenson, May Utzinger, Mrs. C. P. Ziegler.

Alto—Nellie Barker, Mrs. W. W. Babbidge, Elizabeth Busey, Lena Fastabend, Adah Julian, Lottie Peterson, Gertrude Stockton, Nellie F. Busey,

Margaret Busey, Helen Brooks, Ethel M. Gerding, Lenore Kelly, Mrs. W. W. Ridehaigh, Nellie Utzinger, Gertrude Barker, Mrs. W. J. Barry, Laura H. Fox, Marie Gramma, Mrs. G. Parker, Mrs. F. Spittle, Carol Young.

Tenor—W. H. Barker, Chester Fox, M. R. Pomeroy, Arthur Van Dusen, Rives Emerson, James Johnson, Frank Spittle, George W. Eyre, T. Kilen, C. E. Turner.

Bass—Dr. T. L. Ball, John N. Griffin, R. H. E. Roeloffs, Frank Woodfield, Frank Carnahan, William Lindau, S. J. Snow, George H. George, John McCann, George C. Watkins.

The performance will be repeated to-night and the house should again be packed.

REV. Mr. MARCOTTE INSTALLED.

Assumes Charge of the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Portland.

(Thursday's Journal.)

Rev. Henry E. Marcotte was installed as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church at a meeting of the Portland Presbytery held last evening. Rev. W. S. Hold, D. D., as he pronounced Rev. Marcotte legal moderator, stated that all the forms used in calling a pastor of the Presbyterian church had been observed, and pastor of the Westminster church. Dr. Dunning led in prayer, and Rev. E. M. Sharp read a passage of Scripture. Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., president of Portland academy, preached the sermon.

Dr. Holt placed the usual questions before pastor and people, all of which received affirmative answers. The charge to the pastor, the subject of which was "Preach Christ," was delivered by Dr. Hill. After the charge to the church, delivered by Rev. Gilbert of Calvary church, the meeting closed with a prayer by Rev. A. J. Montgomery of Third church.

After the installation there was an informal reception, at which Dr. Marcotte was welcomed to Portland by his congregation and their friends. Dr. Marcotte has been acting pastor of the church ever since the first of the year, having come from Astoria to take charge. The location of the church is an ideal one, in the heart of the beautiful residence district of Holliday's addition. It is free from debt and has a membership of about 170 and a Sunday school enrollment of more than 200.

Mob Disports Human Heads.

Tangier, Jan. 28.—Morocco City has been the scene of serious disturbances in consequence of the government's attempt to force the circulation of new and unpopular copper coins, on which is placed an artificial value, and which it is to receive in payment of taxes. Business is paralyzed, provisions are scarce and starvation is threatened.

A mob arose and first attacked the Christian cemetery lately given by the sultan to the foreign missions, burned down the gates, desecrated the graves, exhumed the bodies, cut off their heads and paraded the town with the heads stuck on poles. The rioters proceeded to the Jewish quarter, with the object of destroying, but they found the gates closed and strongly guarded.

The Jews were panic-stricken until they found that the protection of the authorities was effective. The rabble subsequently looted the jewelry shops, robbing and wounding many Jews.

The governor attempted to quell the disturbance, but he was stoned. The authorities finally induced the mob to withdraw on the promise of temporary withdrawal of the obnoxious coinage.

ASHES MARK SCHOOL

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no one was in the building at the time of the fire, and what caused the conflagration was a mystery. The school is steam heated, but persons intimate with the workings of the institution say that the fire could hardly have been caused by over-heated pipes at such an hour, and the belief is gaining credence that mischievous boys are responsible for the fire. Several firemen were more or less injured by the progress of the fire.

The loss is in the neighborhood of \$60,000. There was some insurance on the property, but the exact amount was not learned tonight.

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